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Israel-Jordan: Jordanian officials are alarmed over possible Israeli retaliation for continued terrorism.

Terrorist incidents are taking place in Israel and Israeli-occupied territory at the rate of more than one a day. Recently the terrorists widened the target area to include the southern part of Israel, and since 2 January there have been five incidents south of the Dead Sea. In the most recent, on 13 January, an oil tank near the Israeli port of Eilat was set on fire.

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A spokesman for the Fatah terrorist organization in Damascus has claimed responsibility for the Eilat incident, and there is little reason to doubt his claim.

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NOTES

USSR-Poland: Brezhnev, Kosygin, and Podgorny have completed a three-day visit to Warsaw for talks with their Polish counterparts. The same group met at about this time last year. The TASS announcement of the visit indicated that in addition to Soviet-Polish relations, the discussions dealt with developments in the world Communist movement--a matter on which the Russians and the Poles have established a pattern of close consultations. The question of Soviet bloc tactics in the light of diplomatic developments concerning Vietnam probably was raised in this context. Particular attention probably was paid to recent political turbulence in Czechoslovakia.

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Japan: [Ultraleftist Japanese are planning to provoke violent incidents during the visit of the nuclear-powered carrier Enterprise, which will arrive at the Sasebo base on Thursday. Spokesmen for a radical faction of the Zengakuren student federation have announced they intend to outdo their two demonstrations against Sato at Tokyo airport last fall, which left one killed and hundreds injured. One clash has already taken place in Tokyo, as demonstrators left by train for Sasebo. While more clashes probably are unavoidable, Japanese security officials are confident they can protect US facilities and personnel within the base itself.]

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